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SEVEN SOUND REASONS FOR PROTESTING AGAINST THE THEORY OF EVOLUTION

1.—The Theory is contrary to the discovered and tested Laws of Physics, Chemistry, Physiology, Genetics. The universe operates a process of action and reaction, producing stable states. There is no upbuilding of giant molecules needed for life, without human intervention or using life-processes. All creatures reproduce only their own kind, from their own gene pools.

2.—The Theory is absurdly illogical in alleging inanimate matter produces life, that simple creatures transform into more complex, that the Creation arose by chance. All this is also contrary to experience.

3.—The Theory is called by its advocates an historical process—yet this depends upon historical evidence, itself dependent upon human testimony. This is both absurd and impossible over the hundreds of millions of years supposedly involved. Incessant search throughout the century since Darwin restated the ancient Greek Theory, has found none of the promised 'intermediates' between the species.

4.—Its devotees adopt highly questionable methods, avoiding debate. They fabricate genealogical 'trees,' purporting to show the descent of man, and suggest these are factual. They engage artists to produce pictures of imaginary prehistoric scenes, that no eye ever saw, and based upon the scantiest material. They 'reconstruct' whole men and animals from a few fragments of bone.

5.—The Theory is criticised by many eminent modern scientists, unconvinced by its claims, and opposed to its trends. They include Prof. J. Doyle of Dublin University ; Dr. Malcolm Dixon, F.R.S., Reader in Enzyme Biology at Cambridge ; Prof. Ronald Good of Hull ; Prof. W. R. Thompson, FRS, former Director of the Commonwealth Institute of Biological Control, Ottawa ; Sir Cecil G. Wakeley, Bart, FRSE, past President of the Royal College of Surgeons, London.

6.—The Theory excludes the Creator, the existence of Whom, as the Almighty, wise and beneficent Organiser, alone can give sense and purpose to His Creation. On the other hand, the Theory is embraced by atheists, communists and others, with intent to encourage or conform to the permissive fashions of a godless and degenerating society.

7.—The Theory is not in any form in accord with the Word of God, straightforwardly read and fairly interpreted.

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TELEPHONE: my number is now (01727) 868427. Please do not expect me to be at home during weekdays during school terms, between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

LOCAL CONTACTS. It has been suggested to me that some members may like to know of other creationist Catholics in their area, or perhaps elsewhere. If you wish to be contacted, let me know and I shall include your details in the next issue.

NEW VIDEO - "DRAMA IN THE ROCKS". This should soon be available through the Creation Science Movement, and I intend to stock some copies. Let me know if you would like me to order one for you. Price will be around £15.

"DAYLIGHT" LOGO. I am hoping to make some improvement in the cover design of the next issue. Is there an imaginative graphic artist out there ? I have tried to invent an original logo to represent our group, but am dissatisfied with my own efforts. Businesses spend fortunes on this: I am offering A YEAR'S FREE SUBS. FOR YOU AND TWO FRIENDS for the best offering ! Entries must be received by NOVEMBER 18th.

Anthony Nevard

"SPECTRUM"

A range of opinions from your letters.

"I am delighted with the Daylight magazine - there is so much variety within its covers and the beauty of it is that one can easily absorb a vast amount of information in a short space of time..."

D.S., Kent.

"Daylight is always welcome and very interesting..."

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"I enclose sub. for 1995 - I enjoy reading most of the articles - keep up the good work!"

P.A., London.

"This Daylight [no.15] is so very good, please would it be possible to have two more?"

E.G., Kent.

"Herewith my 1995 subscription to Daylight. Your work is very important. I have recently acquired the video 'Evolution - Fact or Belief?' and am lending it freely in the parish."

Dr.B.E., Somerset.

"...I always find your literature interesting and it is so necessary in these times as you know."

C.G., Leicester.

"...re Richard Dawkins. He gave the Royal Institution Christmas lectures for children several years ago and his final words to the children were to the effect that there was no God..."

re Down House - not so far from me - which I have visited. It is said to contain an evil presence! Keep up the good work. Evolution rubbish has done untold damage to religious faith."

J.R., Kent.

"[Daylight 1-14] are very useful to me. I can always find what I need to refute any statements on Evolution in the Press or TV."

M.M., Leicester.

ORIGINAL SIN

Dispute of the Centuries

Robert Bergin

Just before he retired as Prefect of the Holy Office in 1966, Cardinal Ottaviani sent to the bishops of the world a letter in which the ten principal errors troubling the Church at that time were set out.

Not surprisingly, the first error listed was the denial of original sin; the denial of the fall of man recounted in the third chapter of Genesis. Of course, this denial is predicated upon the denial of the very existence of our First Parents. And this, in turn, rests upon a belief in the theory of the evolution of man from lower forms of life. Modernist theologians hold evolution to be incompatible with the story of Creation as recounted in the first three chapters of Genesis; and indeed it is.

The denial of original sin is the all-pervasive error which touches the spiritual life of nearly every Christian in the world today and the heresies resulting from it are paralysing the Church's attempts to evangelise the world, to bring the light of the Gospel to nations, to establish the reign of peace and love upon the earth.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR EVIL

The first disastrous effect of the denial of original sin is that it indicates to us that God created an imperfect world; that God - not man - is responsible for the evil and bloodshed that have devastated the human race throughout the centuries.

Man, the modernists concede, is selfish, brutal, prone to evil. But this is the case, they tell us, because he evolved from the brute beasts. But in Genesis 1:31 we read that, after creating man, "**God saw all the things that He had made and they were very good.**" Man was in the state of grace and innocence then; immortal, impassible, with a magnificent intellect that comprehended with ease all that

he needed to know. That is the traditional teaching of the Church. The Garden of Eden was, in fact, a true Paradise.

The Scriptures clearly place the blame for the shattering of this idyllic situation upon the shoulders of man. Man, given a choice of good or evil by God, chose evil. And bitter and bloody has been the history of man since that fateful decision in the ancient Paradise. Man lost the glorious prerogatives of original justice. Gone were his immortality, his impassibility, his infused science. The death sentence was now written on his aging brow. Dark clouds of ignorance began to gather in his brilliantly-illuminated mind. An affinity for error and a love of evil developed as his passions clamoured for satisfaction in reckless indifference to his welfare as a person. The sin had been an infinite offence because of the infinite dignity of the One offended. ***Only the merits of a Divine Redeemer could rectify the terrible situation.***

The modernists, of course, reject all this, and the Councils of the Church and St. Thomas Aquinas mean nothing to them. They reject the idea that man is to blame through original sin for the bloodshed and evil that have coloured the pages of history in every age. They deny original sin and imply that God created man in his fallen condition, blinded by sin, weakened by concupiscence; a prey to sickness and violence, ignorance and death.

THE ENCYCLICALS

Now we read in the encyclical, "*Providentissimus Deus*" and "*Divino Afflante Spiritu*" - issued by Popes Leo XIII and Pius XII - that we must never interpret the Holy Scriptures contrary to the official magisterium of the Church. And these encyclical, citing St. Augustine, the Council of Trent and other authorities, tell us we must not depart from the literal interpretation of the Scriptures unless reason or necessity compel this.

What is the reason for departing from the literal acceptance of the story of the creation of man in Genesis?

The only reason is the mysterious theory of evolution; a theory which has never been proved and which, according to a

statement by one of America's most prestigious scientists, NASA's Dr. Robert Jastrow, **"never can be proved"** ("Time", December 26, 1977). Numerous scientists have announced in recent years that they do not believe in evolution. Two of them, Bounoure and Rostand, with a typical French *risus sardonicus*, described it as 'a fairy tale for adults'.

What mystery then is behind the desperate attempts of so many Catholic seminary professors to assure their students that this bizarre theory has been proven? They have no special competence in the disciplines of anthropology, palaeontology, etc. which supposedly give insights into the theory of evolution. And, even of those scientists who believe in evolution, many will be found to readily agree that it has not been proven. *

To reject the Scriptures and the Magisterium on these flimsy grounds is surely irresponsible. For we have only one soul to save or damn forever. If we reject the Church's supremely logical and reasoned theological structures, superimposed on that great drama of the Fall of Man, then we deny the Faith and move towards eternal perdition.

INFALLIBLE DOCTRINE

If one rejects the doctrine of original sin, one of necessity rejects the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception. And the solemn **infallible** promulgation of the doctrine by Pope Pius IX in 1854 that Mary was conceived without original sin is rendered meaningless. And the statement by Our Lady herself in 1858 at Lourdes, **"I am the Immaculate Conception"** is also rendered meaningless. And who will dare to reject the revelations of Lourdes which have been confirmed by so many miracles?

Following the teaching of St. Paul, the saints and doctors have consistently taught that the human race collectively represents one moral person whose head, Adam, passed on the legacy of brutality, perversity and concupiscence inherent in man. This concept of the human family as one moral person is the only explanation of the coming of Christ as Redeemer. For, as the new head of the human race, intimately united to men by a true brotherhood,

He passed on to us a capacity to share in His Divine Nature.

The transmission of Adam's guilt is through heredity. We are all united to him by blood lines. Similarly, we cannot share in Christ's merits unless He also is our blood brother, a human being like ourselves. This is the real foundation for devotion to Mary, for it was her "*fiat*" that brought the Redeemer to earth, gave Him His human nature, and gave Him the body which was to be crucified on Calvary to effect the redemption of us all.

See how many times St. Paul refers to this theological structure in Romans, Chapter 5:

Verse 12: "*Wherefore as by one man sin entered into this world, and by sin death; so death passed upon all men...*"

Verse 15: "*For if, by the offence of one, many died; much more...the grace of one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.*"

Verse 17: "*For if by one man's offence death reigned through one; much more...grace...shall reign in life through one, Jesus Christ.*"

Verse 18: "*Therefore, as by the offence of one, unto all men condemnation; so by the justice of one, unto all men justification.*"

Verse 19: "*For as by the disobedience of one man, many were made sinners; so also by the obedience of one man, many shall be made just.*"

PELAGIUS

It is not possible in this brief article to cite all of St. Paul's references to the Mystical Body of Christ, that union of predestinate souls which follows from Christ's replacement of Adam as head of the human race.

Since the earliest times, notably those of St. Justin, St. Irenaeus and Tertullian, theologians have been unanimous in placing this theology of Redemption as the foundation of the entire corpus of Christian doctrine.

It was the Pelagian heresy (A.D.415) that original sin was not transmitted from father to child. Since the condemnation of that heresy the transmission of original sin is a dogma of faith, reaffirmed by the Council of Trent

(June 17, 1546) and in many Papal documents and allocutions. For denying original sin, Pelagius as excommunicated and banished.

It was upon receiving the news of Pope Innocent's confirmation of the Conciliar decree against Pelagius that St. Augustine uttered the famous phrase: *"Roma locuta est; causa finita est"* ("Rome has spoken; the case is finished")

The case is not finished today. This worn-out heresy has been resurrected in our age. And the decrees of Popes and the canons of Councils mean nothing to modernist theologians who brazenly deny original sin and demand the right to remain in Catholic seminaries to propagate their poisonous errors. They have rejected the Scriptures, the fountain of living water, and made for themselves a cistern; the broken cistern of evolution that holds no water.

As the bishops, the *"watchmen over Israel"* (Ezech.3:17) sometimes do nothing about this, the laity and, in particular, the seminary students will have to fend for themselves and defend their immortal souls against the error. They will have to realise that any priest who tells them that there is no original sin and no Adam and Eve is not a shepherd but a wolf. And they will have to avoid this person like the plague if they wish to save their immortal souls.

"But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach a gospel to you other than that which we have preached to you, let him be anathema."

"As we said before so now I say again: If anyone preach to you a gospel besides that which you have received let him be anathema." (Gal. 1:8-9)

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* A list of scientists opposed to evolution appeared in **DAYLIGHT** No.15, pp.14 & 15. Ed.

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DOUBTS ABOUT EVOLUTION.

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"Doubts About Evolution"

by

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7.30 pm on Tuesday 1st of August at the
Parish Centre, St. James's Church, Spanish
Place,

Professor Giertych, the distinguished Polish geneticist, is well known to many DAYLIGHT readers from his interview on the video 'Evolution - Fact or Belief?' and his foreword to Gerard Keane's book 'Creation Rediscovered'. It was a great pleasure to meet him during his brief stay in London, after coming from a forestry conference in Wales. Following lunch with my family, we visited St. Albans Cathedral, with the Shrine of St. Alban, our first Christian martyr. Arriving later in London, we were kindly welcomed to Spanish Place parish centre by Fr. Wadsworth, and joined by about 65 people - quite gratifying as it was a very warm August evening, when many people would be away on holiday, and we had not been able to give much notice of the talk.

After a brief introduction by me, our guest speaker began to describe what led him to question seriously the Evolution doctrine and favour the Creation/Flood model. Having come to realise that the basis of argument for evolution had shifted from the fossil record to population genetics, his speciality, he judged that the neo-Darwinian case lacked any positive support from the known facts.

Even from consideration of the best evidence put forward, such as the famous 'peppered moths', the process of natural selection operating on variations within species could not possibly account for alleged 'upward evolution'. As a

geneticist, he knew of no mutations that could be considered truly positive from the natural viewpoint, although certain mutations could indeed be of benefit to a breeder! To claim that the evidence of science supported evolution was contrary to the true facts.

Turning to the work of palaeontologists, Professor Giertych had found no support for evolution in the fossil evidence. In fact, the Chicago congress of top evolutionists in 1980 had agreed that 'the missing-links are still missing!' - hence their need to invent a theory which predicts the multitude of 'gaps' in the fossil record. In addition, much geological evidence exists that totally contradicts the conventional geological column. A good example is polystrate fossils, where trees, even whole whales, have been found buried upright among many layers of rock supposedly of vastly differing ages. For them to have been buried so slowly defies common sense and scientific facts.

That same year, the volcanic explosion on Mount St.Helen's produced, in effect, a natural laboratory in which the formation of stratified rock was actually observed to occur in a short space of time. Recent experiments in sedimentology at Colorado University have overturned conventional theories, and proved the falsity of the system that has been used to 'date' rocks and fossils from their depth.

It has become scientifically reasonable to argue that the Earth may be only a few thousand years old, and that it has experienced a great Flood, as evidenced from the fossils. These ideas are not reaching the public through the normal channels because of their ideological significance in relation to the credibility of the Bible. We should not be prevented from examining scientific evidence on the grounds that the Biblical account of Creation is 'a priori' unacceptable.

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An audio-tape of the talk and discussion is available from DAYLIGHT - price £4.00 including postage.

DARWINISM - SECULARISM - COMMUNISM

Bishop Cuthbert M.O'Gara
(d.1968)

In his little booklet THE SURRENDER TO SECULARISM, Bishop Cuthbert O'Gara, who had been Bishop of Yuanling, China, speaks moving words to put us on our guard against evolutionism. In the Introduction titled "Darwinism - Secularism - Communism" he prefaces his remarks thus: "**My message to you is on secularism, which is the softener-up for communism.**"

"You will not be too surprised, perhaps, if I begin in Red China. Be assured, however, you will not be kept there long. When the Communist troops over-ran my diocese they were followed in very short order by the propaganda corps - the civilian branch of the Red forces - an organisation, if anything, more disciplined, more zealous, more fanatical, than the People's Army of Liberation itself. The entire population, city and countryside, was immediately organised into distinctive categories - grade school and high school pupil and teachers (Catholic, Protestant and pagan), merchants, artisans, members of the professions, yes, even the lowly coolies. Everyone, for a week or more, was forced to attend the seminar specified for his or her proper category and there willy-nilly in servile submission listen to the official Communist line.

"Now what, I ask, was the first lesson given to the indoctrinees? One might have supposed that this would have been some pearl of wisdom let drop by Marx, Lenin or Stalin. Such however was not the case. **The very first, the fundamental, lesson given was man's descent from the ape - Darwinism !** This naturally shocked the Christians (Catholics and Protestants) attending the seminars and as might have been expected they reacted violently. The non-Christians, who in China were commonly referred to as pagans, and who constituted the vast majority of the population, were equally antagonistic to the ape theory because from time immemorial the Chinese people, in a

nebulous sort of way, had believed in a Supreme Being, in a soul and in an existence after death.

Are you surprised that the Chinese Communists choose Darwinism as the corner-stone upon which to build their new political structure ? At first this maneuver amazed me. I had taken for granted that they would begin by expounding the economic principles of Marx. Later on, when in a Red jail, the reason for this unanticipated tactic became very obvious to me. By that time I knew very well that the primary purpose of the Peoples' Government in Peking was to extirpate all religious belief and practice from China - particularly to destroy utterly the Catholic Church. After two years under house-arrest and suffering with my fellow-priests and religious Sisters every manner of annoyance and humiliation I knew only too well that the clause 'Freedom of Religion' written into the 1948 Constitution had been inserted there only to hoodwink foreign governments and had no relevancy whatsoever within the territorial limits of Red China. The official policy, rigid and ruthless, was transparently clear. *Religio delenda est.* Religion must be destroyed.

"Darwinism negates God, the human soul, the after-life. Into this vacuum Communism enters as the be-all and end-all of the intellectual slavery it has created. In the Red prison in which I was held, the slogan, 'Bring your mind over to us and all your troubles will end,' was hammered into the minds of the prisoners with brutal and numbing monotony. Nothing but a grovelling holocaust of the human person can satiate the lust for dominance of Peking's Red regime."

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THE AUTHOR

Born in Capital City, Canada, in 1886. Ordained priest at St. Michael's Passionist Monastery, New Jersey, 1915. Assigned missionary to China in 1924. Consecrated Bishop of Yuanling, 1934. Suffered arrest, prison and torture in 1941 and 1949 - expelled from China 1953. Died at St. Michael's, May 13, 1968.

THOSE MISSING LINKS

Peter Grace

So, according to 'Nature' (22nd September 1994), we have yet another Ethiopian missing link. It's all rather pathetic: periodically a few bones and other remains are found, and the cry is raised, "We've found the missing link!" The pathos lies in the willingness of otherwise honest men to allow their deep desire for ultimate truth, which they find in evolution, to compromise their integrity as scientists. Their reputation as conveyors of truth rests on the objectivity of conclusions which are firmly based on right reason. The search for the human ancestor has been characterised, right from the start, by an eagerness to jump to conclusions that range from the ludicrous to the unsubstantiated. Here are some examples.

- 1) **Java Man** (1891; Dr Eugene Dubois, a Dutch medico) : an ape-like skull-cap, followed a year later, but 46 feet away, by a human leg bone. Designation: ape-man, 750,000 years old. Name: *Pithecanthropus erectus*. In 1920, nearly 30 years later, Dubois admitted that, at the time of his discovery, he had also found **two human skulls** in the same stratum, about which he had said nothing, since his whole case would have been blown: ancestors and descendants cannot lie in the same stratum. So he stayed silent and reaped the glory of having achieved his proclaimed objective of finding 'the missing link'.
- 2) **Piltdown Man** (1908) : a whole skull. Designation: the oldest human found in Europe; hence the name: *Eoanthropus* (Dawn Man). In 1953, it was found to be a hoax, the jaw of a modern orang-utan having been skilfully fitted into a human skull.
- 3) **Nebraska Man** (1922): one tooth. Designation: ape-man. Name: *Hesperopithecus* (Western Ape). I have before me a fetching artist's impression of Mr and Mrs H. ('Illustrated London News', June 24, 1922). It was later discovered that the tooth was that of an extinct pig!

4) **Australopithecines** (Southern Apes): derived from generic name *Australopithecus*; the fossil skull of an extinct ape; found by S.African Raymond Dart. Many other remains have since been found, including *A.afarensis* (see "Lucy" below) Designation: hominids, because of an indication of upright stance.

5) **Pekin Man** (1926-34): mostly small fragments of fossil skulls of 24 creatures; one Plaster-of-Paris reconstruction was modelled into a woman's face, called 'Nellie', a very profitable publicity stunt. Designation: ape-man, because of the cranial capacity of 1,000 cu.cm., i.e. between apes and men. Name: *Sinanthropus pekinensis*. There were strong indications, however, that the monkeys had formed part of the food supply of a human settlement, making 'ape-in-man' a more appropriate designation!

6) **1470 Man** (1972-77; Richard Leakey): partial skeleton of an Australopithecine. Name: *A.afarensis* (found in the Afar district of Ethiopia), and nicknamed 'Lucy'. Claims of bipedalism (hence, upright stance, half-way to being human) were based on a knee-cap found 200 feet down and 1½ miles away. Initial radiometric assessments on the site gave a top age of 220 million years; but as evolution theory puts man's top age at 4 million years, other assessments were made, until a site 6 miles away gave a value of 2.61 M.years - which was accepted.

7) **Aramis ape-man** (1993): 10 teeth, 2 skull fragments and 5 long bones, found in Ethiopia; 4.4 M.years old (another radiometric dating). Designation: 'missing link'. Report in 'Nature', Sept.22, 1994. Two days later, 'The Independent' announced the missing link alive and well in Nuneaton: referring to the bonobo chimpanzee, which can walk upright with ease!

It seems that, for any given discovery of a missing link, it is only a matter of time before the comic element emerges. Unfortunately, it brings Science itself into disrepute.

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Your very own

Did you know

that you have two of the most complex computers in all of nature, placed side by side at the front of your head?

Did you know

that computer scientists are now trying to build a machine that can see just like we do?

But first

they are having to try to find out just how our eyes perform the miracle of vision.



Their discoveries are proving that our eyes cannot have come about by chance.

They have discovered that before an image can be sent from our eyes to our brain, each cell of the retina (at the back of each eye) must perform a vast number of calculations - about ten billion calculations per second!

**10,000,000,000
calculations
per second?**

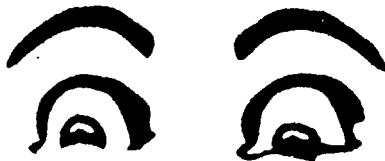
As you read these words, these tiny cells of the retina are making these calculations without any instructions from you, and even without you knowing what they are doing.

So, if you think that mental arithmetic is hard work, spare a thought for the cells in your eyes!

These calculations made in

.... twin computers!

the retina are by no means simple. A professor of ophthalmology, Dr. Joseph Calkins of John Hopkins University, has estimated that the fastest computer in the world would take many years to do what the cells of our retina can do in a second.



No wonder those scientists who know something of the wonders of eyesight cannot accept the idea that eyes evolved slowly by chance over millions of years. It would have taken far too long.

Sir Isaac Newton, the "father" of modern science wrote "Was the eye contrived without skill in optics, and the ear without knowledge of sound?"

This is an excellent question by the man who founded the science of optics, and had a profound regard for his Bible.

But the miracle of eyesight is

nothing compared to spiritual "insight" where our mind starts to understand the wonder of God through His creation and His purpose for us.

Our eyes can read His word, in which He has revealed the amazing provisions for the future of this planet, and those of its inhabitants who become His children by faith in Jesus Christ.

The theory of Evolution does not accept that God exists - so it offers no real hope for the future. It is a dead-end theory which ends in death.

*"...Our eyes
cannot have
come about by
chance."*

Rather let us feast our spiritual eyes on God's precious promises and prepare ourselves for a future which is certain - a wonderful life without end!



*John. V. Collyer.
[non-Catholic]*

"TELEGRAPHOLOGY"

More snippets from a British 'daily'.

'PHOENIX' RED-FACED.

"The Australian Project Phoenix spent more than five months making 23,000 radio-telescope observations of 200 stars similar to the Sun in the Milky Way. None of them gave any hint of alien intelligence. Dr Jill Tartar, project director, admitted she was disappointed, but remained optimistic that life exists elsewhere in space."

7 June 1995.

COMMENT: This result accords perfectly with the prediction made in the Editor's comments in DAYLIGHT #14 !

OXYGEN ON EUROPA.

The Hubble telescope has revealed a tiny amount of oxygen on one of the moons of Jupiter, but at -145°C . "According to prevailing theories, for life to evolve, liquid water must be present for a very long period, perhaps more than hundreds of millions of years." The pressure of Europa's 'atmosphere' is roughly "one hundred billionth the surface pressure of the Earth's."

23 Feb.1995.

COMMENT: Big deal!

SURPRISE! SURPRISE!

"Water has been detected on the surface of the Sun...as steam in sunspots. 'This came as a surprise to us, which shows how little we know about the behaviour of water at high temperatures,' said Dr Livingston."

"The strength of the solar wind, the stream of particles that pours from the Sun, can fluctuate wildly. 'This is absolutely baffling,' said Dr Kerridge".

2 June 1995.

SORRY - MAKE IT 12 BILLION!

"The oldest known star in our Milky Way galaxy has been found, increasing its age by at least two billion years." It is a 'white dwarf', '134 light-years away in the constellation of Hydra.' "Astronomers in Chile have estimated its age by measuring its faintness against its distance."

19 June 1995.

*COMMENT: A report on Jan.3 [DAYLIGHT #14] stated that the **most distant galaxy was 15 billion light years away**. We are assured that distance of stars is related to age. So how can this star be only 134 light-years away, pray ?*

MOON A BALLOON ?

"The Moon became our only natural satellite after smashing into the Earth billions of years ago and then bouncing back, says new research." Satellite data found that it contains much less iron than the Earth. "That demolishes a theory of lunar formation, that the Earth and Moon were formed at the same place and from the same materials."

29 May 1995.

COMMENT: There is still no satisfactory naturalistic theory to account for the origin of the Earth-Moon system. For a detailed study see "The Moon - its Creation, Form and Significance", by Whitcomb and DeYoung.

BAD VIBRATIONS!

Astronomer Peter van de Kamp had claimed from the 1930's that several stars had planets because he had observed a minute 'wobble' caused by the planet's gravity. In 1968, it was noticed that the calculations showed all the planets were apparently identical in size. "It emerged that it was not the stars that were wobbling but van de Kamp's faulty telescope. His data was rendered valueless."

3 June 1995.

COMMENT: This falsehood was based on over 4,000 photos of Barnard's Star, using a 24-inch telescope !

DATING PARADOX.

220 million-year-old logs in Arizona "are riddled with holes resembling the nest of modern bees." The oldest fossil bee is 80 million years ! Experts are baffled!

26 May 1995.

SHRINE TO EVOLUTION.

The Nat.Hist.Mus. is seeking £2.4 million from the Heritage Lottery Fund to renovate Down House [Darwin's old home in Kent]. Sir David Attenborough says: "If this was any other country, this would have been an important shrine [sic] years ago." 5 July '95

DATING IMPROVED.

Mammoth fossils found on Wrangel Island, off N.E.Siberia, show that these animals did not become extinct until about 4,000 years ago instead of the 11,000 years previously believed." 9 Feb.1995.

PROFESSOR DAWKINS, WE UNDERSTAND !

Dr Richard Dawkins has been awarded a newly created [!] chair in the public understanding of science at Oxford University, funded by a rich computer-expert for some £1.4 million.

25 July 1995.

COMMENT: This man believes "The universe...has...no design, no purpose, no evil and no good, nothing but blind, pitiless indifference" [10 May 1995]

THE GALILEO CASE

Gerard Keane

Since the time of Galileo, the Church often has been accused of making empirical science subservient to theology, and even of being anti-science. The idea that Galileo's trial was a showdown between blind religious faith and enlightened scientific reason is a myth which still lingers strongly. The position of the Catholic Church in this affair continues to be misrepresented. Thus, some comments on this case are warranted.

Early in the 17th century, as far as was then known, both the old Ptolemaic theory (Earth-centred) and the newly developing heliocentric theories (Sun-centred) appeared to provide plausible explanations of how the solar system actually worked. Since the implications for Christianity of a Sun-centred Universe were thought to be quite profound for theology, Church authorities at the time preferred to regard the heliocentric theories as hypotheses awaiting verification.

The Ptolemaic theory increasingly was seen to contain problems for it required a series of epicycles (a process rather like looping the loop) in the behaviour of planets. But the Copernican theory, even though Sun-centred, required even more epicycles than the Ptolemaic model. (It seems clear that Copernicus himself came to realise that his model was heavily flawed; hence his reluctance to publish the work. His *Book of the Revolutions of the Heavenly Spheres* was only received by Copernicus on his death-bed, some seventy years before the Galileo controversy.)

In time both the Ptolemaic and Copernican systems were overturned, following the work of scholars such as Johannes Kepler, who showed that Mars travels around the Sun in an elliptical orbit, and Isaac Newton, who proposed that the movements of the planets and their moons were determined by the interaction of the force of gravity and centrifugal forces.

Galileo, who had discovered the Jupiter planets (which suggested that at least some planets travelled around the Sun), arrogantly promoted the theory of Copernicus. As has been pointed out by a humanist (and non-Christian) scholar, the late Arthur Koestler, in his book on the history of astronomy *The Sleepwalkers*,

It must be remembered that the system which Galileo advocated was the orthodox Copernican system, designed by the Canon himself . . . Incapable of acknowledging that any of his contemporaries had a share in the progress of astronomy, Galileo blindly and indeed suicidally ignored Kepler's work to the end, persisting in the futile attempt to bludgeon the world into accepting a Ferris wheel with forty-eight epicycles as 'rigorously demonstrated' physical reality. . . . When, carried away by sudden fame, he had at last committed himself, it became at once a matter of prestige to him. He had said that Copernicus was right, and whosoever said otherwise was belittling his authority as the foremost scholar of his time.²⁶

It seems clear that Galileo's insistence (as well as that of his supporters) on acceptance of the Copernican theory as though it was already proven provoked the Holy Office of the Inquisition into action. In 1616 the Copernican model was rejected and the view that it was harmonious with Scripture was proscribed. However, as Koestler emphasises, it remained a judicial opinion, without Papal endorsement, and thus the immobility of the Earth never became an article of faith nor the immobility of the Sun a heresy.²⁷

While the situation was inflamed by Galileo's belligerent attitude, it seems that some of his various opponents were not free from blame. A document was written, apparently mischievously, to the effect that Galileo was prohibited from teaching the Copernican theory in any way whatsoever. This dubious document was later to be instrumental in Galileo's trial of 1633, when he was threatened and forced to recant.

Brother Thomas Mary Sennott, in *The Six Days Of Creation*, comments on the trial of 1633:

With St Robert Bellarmine now dead and a sympathetic Pope, Urban VIII, now reigning, Galileo hurried down to Rome to get permission to publish on the Copernican system. (He had been forbidden to publish by St Robert.) He suggested to Urban that he present the problem in the form of a dialogue in which one speaker presented the Ptolemaic system and another the Copernican. Urban agreed, but told

²⁶Arthur Koestler, *The Sleepwalkers*, Penguin Books, 27 Wrights Lane, (London, 1986 Edition) (p.444)

²⁷*ibid* (p.463)

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him not to endorse either system, but to let the dialogue end in a draw, since there was still the unresolved problem of stellar parallax. Galileo agreed, but unfortunately did not live up to his agreement. He had his Copernican spokesman utterly demolish the Ptolemaic speaker, his final climactic argument being his [Galileo's] theory of the tides. Urban was understandably furious, and after learning from the Jesuit scientists at the University of Rome that Galileo's theory of the tides was just bad physics, he ordered Galileo to be tried by the Inquisition. Galileo was condemned and sentenced to confinement at his estate near Florence for the rest of his life.

... Had he lived up to his agreement with Urban and treated each of the world systems in an equitable manner, there would have been no Galileo Case. Evidently he did not inform the censors of the substance of his agreement with the Pope, and thus was guilty of subterfuge in obtaining the *Imprimatur* ("Let it be printed"). Also possibly if he had been able to demonstrate the Copernican system convincingly, there would have been no Case, but his false theory of the tides was fatal.²⁸

At the trial Galileo was questioned several times about his book *The Dialogue on the Great World Systems* in which the Ptolemaic spokesman, named Simplicius, was made to look a fool. Galileo (who was now seventy years old) answered each time that he did not hold to the Copernican theory. However, as Koestler outlines,

Both the judges and the defendant knew that he was lying; both the judges and he knew that the threat of torture (*territio verbalis* — as opposed to *territio realis* where the instruments of torture are shown to the accused) was merely a ritual formula which could not be carried out [old or sick people, and Galileo was both, could not be tortured]; and that the hearing was a pure formality ... The "formal prison" took the form of a sojourn at the Grand Duke's villa at Trinita del Monte, followed by a sojourn in the palace of

²⁸Sennott, *op.cit.* (p.184)

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the Archbishop Piccolomini in Siena where according to a French visitor, Galileo worked "in an apartment covered in silk and mostly richly furnished". Then he returned to his farm at Arcetri, and later to his house in Florence, where he spent the remaining years of his life ...

From the purely legal point of view the sentence was certainly a miscarriage of justice ... On the other hand, the judgement hushes up the incriminating contents of the book stating that Galileo had represented the Copernican theory as merely 'probable' — which is a whale of an understatement ... The gist of the matter is that Galileo could not legally be convicted without completely destroying him — which was not the intention of the Pope or the Holy Office. Instead, they resorted to a legally shaky concoction. The intention was, clearly, to treat the famous scholar with consideration and leniency, but at the same time to hurt his pride, to prove that not even a Galileo was allowed to mock Jesuits, Dominicans, Pope, and Holy Office; and lastly to prove that, in spite of his pose as a fearless crusader, he was not the stuff of which martyrs are made.²⁹

It is especially important to note that Pope Urban VIII was not directly involved in the trial of Galileo and only seven of the ten judges signed the sentence; the others abstained. Thus, there was no papal declaration *ex cathedra* and no question of infallible dogma involved in the case. Subsequently, in 1757, Pope Benedict XIV suspended the earlier decree.

As a non-Christian, Koestler can hardly be accused of bias in favour of the Catholic Church. He paid tribute to Galileo as being among the men who shaped human destiny. He relates how Galileo, in his seventies, went on to rediscover his real vocation as the founder of the science of dynamics, after having wasted 25 years on his propaganda crusade for the heavily flawed Copernican system. However, he also points out that many achievements have been wrongly attributed to Galileo:

Contrary to statements in even recent outlines of science, Galileo did not invent the telescope; nor the microscope;

²⁹op.cit. (p.499-501)

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nor the thermometer; nor the pendulum clock. He did not discover the law of inertia; nor the parallelogram of forces or motions; nor the Sun spots. He made no contribution to theoretical astronomy; he did not throw down weights from the leaning tower of Pisa, and did not prove the truth of the Copernican system. He was not tortured by the Inquisition, did not languish in its dungeons, did not say '*eppur si muove*'; and he was not a martyr of science.³⁰

Koestler also laments the fact that Galileo's ill-conceived crusade precipitated the divorce of science from faith. Unfortunately, the misrepresentation made of the case since then still continues unabated:

The Galileo affair was an isolated, and in fact quite untypical, episode in the history of the relations between science and theology ... But its dramatic circumstances, magnified out of all proportion, created a popular belief that science stood for freedom, the Church for oppression of thought.³¹

³⁰ *op. cit.* (p.358)

³¹ *op. cit.* (p.533) (emphasis added)

EVOLUTION IN THE CATHOLIC PRESS.

Several readers have sent press cuttings to me from various Catholic publications in which the Creation/Evolution, Bible/Science, Fall/Flood and related issues have been raised. In some cases, the opinions expressed with the approval of the Editor could lead one to judge that selling such a publication with 'Catholic' in the title amounts to a breach of the Trade Descriptions Act !

I have focussed here on the most controversial passages, but hope not to give an unfair impression thereby of the writer's views. If anyone wishes to have a copy of the original item, please send me a s.a.e.

"The Catholic Weekly" , NSW, Australia.

29 Jan. '95.

Fr.Brian Lucas reviewed a book 'Telling Lies For God', by Ian Plimer, Prof. of Geology at University of Melbourne. The book is a frontal attack on creationists, and is accorded 'religious respectability' by a foreword by Bishop Peter Hollingworth. The reviewer considers that Plimer 'presents a formidable case', but criticises his style, tedious repetition, over-use of *argumentum ad hominem* , the lack of an index, and inadequate sourcing of statements. He concludes:

"One would have to agree with the Archbishop's assessment of Professor Plimer's arguments that 'notwithstanding the democratic rights of people to choose their own path or system of belief, creation science, if followed to its conclusions is anti-knowledge, anti-religious and anti-science'.

"One hopes, but probably in vain, that this book might be a final nail in the fundamentalist coffin."

Patrick Newman calls the book "quite hysterical (written in fear); and wrote to the paper to complain of the review "giving aid and comfort to the enemy". Its concluding rhetoric could be aptly applied to "the evolutionism taught in our schools". And whatever happened to 'Religious Liberty', 'Academic Freedom', 'Ecumenism', 'Respect for non-Catholic beliefs', Fr.Lucas ?

"The Keys of Peter" London.

'Pius XII and Theory of Evolution', by Michael Skarpa.

This article appeared in July/August 1994 issue, and argued that the decisions of the Biblical Commission under St.Pius X were "intended to be only provisional". The writer documents extensively, if selectively, his argument that the encyclicals *Divino Afflante Spiritu* and *Humani Generis* have superceded these teachings, so permitting a less 'literal' interpretation of Genesis. The article runs to 15 pages, defending the position that theistic evolution does not contradict the Bible or Catholic dogma. Mr Skarpa offers no **scientific** evidence for belief in the theory of evolution, nor acknowledges the many **scientific** and **philosophical** arguments against it. The **Catholic** creationist does need to be careful not to attribute all fundamentalist interpretations of Scripture to Catholic Doctrine, but at least this rarely results in a **denial** of a dogmatic truth or downgrading of the authority of the Bible. Mr Skarpa writes:

"Doubtless, the Author of the Book of Genesis believed, as he [sic] had no reason to believe otherwise, in direct creation of all existing species; but this is far from saying that he [?] intended to affirm this belief as part of his [!] inspired teaching."

According to, e.g., the Council of Florence, 1441, the Church **"professes one and the same God as the author of the Old and the New Testament, that is, of the Law and the Prophets and the Gospel..."** If we presume, from the final phrase, that the writer meant **human** author [not JED&P then?] it is misleading to imply that, because creation science denies the possibility of the evolution of the human race, it therefore claims that 'all existing **species**' are as they were originally created. All creationists accept evidence of 'microevolution' of varieties, extinctions, artificial and natural selection.

The writer sadly descends to the facile tactic of taking every word 'literally', which the fundamentalists **do not**, and then scoffing at the illogicalities **he** has created, such as- "resuscitation of a 'slime'-made carcase". He also, predictably, questions the origin of Eve and the finality of Pius XII's teaching on polygenism.

[to be continued in the next issue].

The Errors of Modernists

Related to the Bible and Science, selected from
the Decree of the Holy Office, "Lamentabili," July 3, 1907.

2. The Church's interpretation of the Sacred Books is not indeed to be spurned, but it is subject to the more accurate judgment and the correction of exegetes.
4. The magisterium of the Church, even by dogmatic definitions, cannot determine the genuine sense of the Sacred Scriptures.
5. Since in the deposit of faith only revealed truths are contained, in no respect does it pertain to the Church to pass judgment on the assertions of human disciplines.
8. They are to be considered free of all blame who consider of no account the reprobations published by the Sacred Congregation of the Index, or by other Sacred Roman Congregations.
9. They display excessive simplicity or ignorance, who believe that God is truly the author of the Sacred Scripture.
11. Divine inspiration does not so extend to all Sacred Scripture that it fortifies each and every part of it against all error.
24. An exegete is not to be reproved who constructs premises from which it follows that dogmas are historically false or dubious, provided he does not directly deny the dogmas themselves.
57. The Church shows herself to be hostile to the advances of the natural and theological sciences.
63. The Church shows herself unequal to the task of preserving the ethics of the Gospel, because she clings obstinately to immutable doctrines which cannot be reconciled with present day advances.
64. The progress of the sciences demands that the concepts of Christian doctrine about God, creation, revelation, the Person of the Incarnate Word, the redemption, be recast.
65. Present day Catholicism cannot be reconciled with true science, unless it be transformed into a kind of nondogmatic Christianity, that is, into a broad and liberal Protestantism.

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